

WOULD REPRODUCE STATUE ON WEST POINT GROUNDS

Superintendent of Military Academy Writes for Pictures of Washington Monument.

WANTS EQUESTRIAN FIGURE

Famous Crawford Statue Ranks as Finest Equestrian Memorial in America, and Is Visited Annually by Many Students of Art.

The equestrian statue of Washington, which stands in the Capitol Square, may be duplicated for the ornamentation of the grounds of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y.

When it was decided recently to add to the statutory now adorning the grounds of the national military academy a statue of Washington, the selection of the monument in Richmond as a model was suggested by the superintendent of the academy, Colonel C. P. Townsley. Colonel Townsley was for some years the commandant of the Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe. It was during his term in that office that he visited Richmond and saw the monument, of which he retains vivid recollection.

COLONEL TOWNSLEY WRITES FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

From the West Point superintendent Governor Stuart yesterday received the following communication:

Headquarters U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., December 2, 1914.

Hon. H. C. Stuart,

Governor State of Virginia.

My Dear Governor.—It is contemplated to place an equestrian statue of General Washington on the grounds of the U. S. Military Academy, and before deciding fully upon the selection of such statue I should be very glad if you could send me a photograph of the equestrian statue of Washington in the Capitol Grounds in Richmond.

"I have but once seen this statue, and from my recollection of it and from what others have told me about it, I am fully impressed with the idea that this is one of the best statues in the country, and of course, we want to have as fine a statue of General Washington at this place as we can afford.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. P. TOWNSLEY,

Colonel Coast Artillery Corps.

The Governor will comply immediately with the request for photographs.

MONUMENT RANKS AS FINEST IN AMERICA

The Crawford Washington, standing in the Capitol Square at Richmond, has been ranked by competent art critics as the finest equestrian statue in America, and the second finest in the world. It was erected partly by public subscription and more largely by a total cost of \$200,000. The idea for the work was given to Thomas Crawford in 1849 for an equestrian figure of Washington surrounded by heroic figures of Patrick Henry, George Mason, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, Thomas Nelson and Andrew Lewis. Crawford completed the statue and the figures of Henry and Jefferson before his death in 1857. Randolph Rogers completed the work, and the monument was unveiled February 22, 1858, before what is said to have been the largest assemblage of people ever gathered in Richmond. The total elevation of the monument from the ground to the top of Washington's capitol, is sixty feet three inches. The height of horse and rider is twenty feet three inches.

At the last session of the General Assembly permission was given for the manufacture and sale of replicas of the Crawford statue of Washington, and since that time a number of bronze models of that famous figure have been distributed broadcast, but so far as could be learned, no permission has ever been given by the State for any copy being made of the equestrian figure.

PASSENGER JUMPS INTO SEA

F. W. Tibbets, of Peabody, Mass., Drowned Off Diamond Shoals.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 4.—A passenger on the American steamship Arapahoe, registered as F. W. Tibbets, of Peabody, Mass., jumped into the sea Thursday afternoon off Diamond Shoals. The tragedy was made known here to-day with the arrival of the Arapahoe. Only one passenger and one member of the crew saw the man jump overboard. The alarm was immediately sounded, and a life preserver was thrown in the direction of Tibbets. It fell short, and according to members of the crew, he made no effort to catch it. A lifeboat was manned, but Tibbets sank before he could be reached.

Efforts to recover the body were abandoned because of the fog. Passes in Tibbets' station indicated he was a member of the Aetna Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Boston.

GOVERNMENT MORE STRICT

Measures to Check Operations of Mine Laying in English Channel.

LONDON, December 4. (5:52 P. M.)—The government intends to take more stringent measures to check operations of mine laying, and other hostile craft in the English Channel, a notice to-night declared. The notice says that after December 16, within a specified area of the channel, all lightships, buoys and other aids to navigation are to be withdrawn, and that no vessels are to be given merchant vessels that navigation within this area will be "exceedingly dangerous" without the aid of pilots.

OFFICIALS OF LEGISLATURE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Charged With Signing Warrants for Pay for Employees in Excess of Amounts Fixed by Law.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 4.—Lieutenant Governor William P. O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and other officials of the 1913 Legislature, were indicted to-day by a Marion County grand jury.

The indictment charges that the officials signed warrants for pay for employees in excess of the amounts fixed by law and for other illegal purposes.

Others indicted were Mason J. N. Black, minute clerk and parliamentary officer of the 1913 House; Levi P. Harlan, chief clerk of the State Senate; Douglas Bolser, principal adviser of the House; John J. Keegan, Representative; Samuel N. Gaudin, Representative; George M. Rife, assistant clerk of the Senate; Paul C. Hill, assistant clerk of the House; Wade H. Free, secretary of the Senate, and George Stellhorn, engrossing clerk of the House.

NEW YORK STREET CLEANERS LEARN HOW TO REMOVE SNOW

Actual Experiments Made With Sawdust in Preparation for First Fall.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 4.—It was learned to-day that snow can be removed from the streets in New York. Take shovel and insert under snow. Push along a few inches until snow is piled in heap on shovel. Lift shovel and dump it. Repeat. New York City street cleaners learned this to-day by actual experiments with sawdust. Half a hundred cartfuls of sawdust were dumped on the Avenue Street and spread carefully over the pavement.

"This is supposed to be snow, men," said the gang foreman. "There is no real snow now, but we must have practice, so that the first snow will not find us unprepared."

The sawdust was removed in a careful manner by the city street cleaners. The drill, officials of the street cleaning department expressed the belief that it had succeeded so well that it will pay to have all the other "white wings" drilled in the same way. New York certainly is going to give the first real snowfall a run for its money.

CITY CONTROLS ALL STREETS IN ANNEXED AREA

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cept such as afford the most direct route from the lot herein described to Semmes Avenue; and nothing herein contained shall prevent the party of the first part from erecting, putting down and maintaining gas, water and electric works, pipes, wires and tracks, and fixtures to erect, put down and maintain the same, along or under the said streets, alleys or bridges, and laying and using of the same shall not be considered as in any way limiting the use or enjoyment of the property herein described."

RESERVATION OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT

In the deeds executed by the Highland Park Development Corporation, similar reservations are made. With respect to the exclusive use of this company, the City Attorney holds, in a separate opinion, transmitted to the board yesterday, that the reservations are "of no force and effect, and that the deed, in so far as it purports to divide the property into public highways, subject to the control and management of the public authorities, and upon annexation to the city of Richmond, became public highways of the city."

Mr. Pollard quotes from three of the foremost authorities on municipal corporations to the effect that "the dedication cannot attach a condition which will destroy the character of the property as public highways, or the purpose of the dedication be taken the property from the control of the duly authorized public officer, or a condition which is against public policy."

QUOTES MANY ACKNOWLEDGED

"The donor cannot annex to the dedication a condition that the way shall be under the control of other public or corporate officers than those invested by law with the government of the city," says the chief characteristic of the property as public highways, or the purpose of the dedication be taken the property from the control of the duly authorized public officer, or a condition which is against public policy."

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WILL NOT PREVENT COLLECTION OF WATER RENTS

"Nor will it," Mr. Pollard continues, "prevent the Southside Water and Sewerage Corporation from collecting from the owners of their tenements the compensation agreed to be paid to that company by such persons as are water takers, and such as are using the sewers, installed by the company in the streets or alleys of Woodland Heights, so long as they continue to use water and sewerage from the company."

"The city of Richmond may, in the exercise of its police power, proceed without any limitation whatever to install sewers, water and gas mains, erect poles or authorize the erection of poles and conduits in the streets and alleys of said suburb, and if the city deems it proper to take the safety of persons or property within the city demands, it may require the property owners now using the water pipes, sewer or gas pipes of the Southside Water and Sewerage Corporation to connect with its own public utilities and use the same."

"In my judgment," Mr. Pollard adds, "it will be time enough for the city to take up the question of the purchase of the system when the surveys of the annexed territory have been completed, and the definition of the streets and alleys established, the doing of which, I am advised, will consume not less than one year and probably more, and when thereafter the sewers of the company are located have been established."

"It goes without saying that the value of the sewers must largely depend upon the location, with reference to the grades of the streets. Until this is done it seems to me that it is next to impossible for any reliable estimate of the value of the property to be made, so as to enable you to recommend to the Council the real value of the property proposed by the company to be sold to the city."

TO FINISH NAVAL DRY DOCK

Daniels Awards Contract for Work at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Secretary Daniels announced to-day that a supplemental contract for the completion of the great naval dry dock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, by July 1, 1918. Work on the dock was suspended nearly two years ago, when the bottom heaved. The new contract calls for completion at a cost of \$1,261,350, which is \$238,650 less than amount made available by Congress.

The basin, according to the new design, will be considerably larger than originally contemplated. The total cost now will be \$4,442,115, exclusive of the cost of caissons, pumping plant and other features provided by the government.

Secretary Daniels has selected Civil Engineer C. W. Parks, of the navy, to supervise construction of the dock.

Bank Clearings

NEW YORK, December 4.—Bank clearings in the United States for the week ending December 3, aggregating \$3,094,122,000, against \$2,746,200,000 last week, and \$2,847,533,000 this year. The clearing was the return from the principal cities for the week last year.

New York, \$1,587,533,000; decrease, 12.3. Chicago, \$332,250,000; decrease, 4.0. Philadelphia, \$118,000,000; decrease, 12.3. Boston, \$147,341,000; decrease, 17.3. St. Louis, \$245,000,000; decrease, 5.1. San Francisco, \$332,000,000; decrease, 11.9. Baltimore, \$40,611,000; increase, 12.7. New Orleans, \$23,233,000; decrease, 24.4. Atlanta, \$14,000,000; decrease, 35.5. Denver, \$10,822,000; decrease, 13.0. Memphis, \$5,471,000; decrease, 35.4. Richmond, \$10,000,000; decrease, 8.1. Washington, D. C., \$9,041,000; decrease, 12.1.

CITY SECURES GROUP RATE ON CURRENT USED

Administrative Board Effects Large Saving Through New Arrangement.

PLAN UNFAIR, SAYS TRAFFORD

Board Disregards Objections of Head of City Plant and Seeks Electric Power on Same Terms as Are Given to Corporations.

The Administrative Board yesterday adopted a resolution directing the Virginia Railway and Power Company, in conformity with an offer made to the board, to group its charges for current used in the several municipal buildings, and in the future submit the bill for the aggregate amount of current to the board, instead of to the separate departments.

As the result of this consolidation, the city will receive the benefit of the discount allowed to large consumers. The company allows a graduated rate of discount, varying directly with the amount of current consumed. It is expected that the city will save \$2,000 annually as the result of the grouping.

Superintendent Trafford, of the City Electric Plant, reporting on the power company's offer to group the city's group rate on its current, recommended the rejection of the offer on the ground that the city should not for a small financial gain accept an advantage which he believed to be "unfair, preferential and discriminatory." In that it grants the privilege of grouping the consumption at many scattered buildings, and obtained the same rate as if consumed at one building, he said, was denied to other users of electricity in the city.

The board did not regard Mr. Trafford's objection as a valid one, but a graduated rate for large users, even if the points of consumption are scattered, was a legitimate trade device. Such a rate, it was pointed out, was in fact in use by the city, which are large users of current, and distributed along their right of way at many points in the city.

LIEBLER COMPANY GOES INTO RECEIVERS' HANDS

Contracts Made Before European War Said to Have Cost Enormous Sums.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 4.—The Liebler Company, No. 451 Fourth Avenue, which has supplied New York and other American cities with many sumptuous and enjoyable theatrical entertainments, went into bankruptcy in the Federal Court here to-day.

It was said in the company's behalf that it made contracts before the European war which cost it enormously. It was asserted, too, that the present production of the "Garden of Paradise" at the Park Theatre, and other new plays given this season, depleted the treasury.

All theatrical performances financed by the theatrical firm will be continued.

It has been claimed in court that the liabilities are \$325,000 against assets of \$800,000. The company's lawyers in Chicago asserted that the assets are \$1,000,000, and that the suit was brought by a friendly creditor, a smaller creditor. Harry Askin, of Chicago, has a claim of \$1,000 "for money loaned and services rendered."

Judge Trough appointed Irving M. Daniels, of New York, receiver, with power to continue the business for sixty days.

Dun's Trade Review

NEW YORK, December 4.—Dun's review will say to-morrow:

Notable expansion in exports and rapid increase in imports have been the distinctive features of the business situation. Domestic trade still shows indications of improvement in various directions still appear.

The iron and steel industry has not responded as rapidly as expected to the quickening influence of increased confidence and easier money. The situation is clearly apparent, and sentiment is much more hopeful. The railroads, as a result of drastic economies, are endeavoring to reduce their purchases of rails and other supplies to a minimum, and this loss of business to numerous branches of the iron and steel industry is a serious drawback to the restoration of normal conditions. The decision, it is anticipated, may be rendered this month, and in the meantime, railroad traffic is greatly reduced. Earnings in three weeks of November, showing a decline from last year of 3.01 percent. The textile trades are in spots active as large quantities of foreign goods are being distributed in still restricted; spring orders, however, are coming in with the best reports received from the agricultural sections of the West. The scarcity of dyestuffs has been slightly relieved by the arrival of another cargo from Germany, but it still remains a material check upon business. The weather effects in various departments of retail distribution, and is for the moment increasing in severity. In the trade, which, however, is greatly aided by war contracts. There is a continued heavy export demand for various commodities.

The supreme event of the week has been the signal success which has attended the opening of the public subscription for the new York Coffee Exchange. The new York Coffee Exchange has likewise resumed business, and in a few days there is a return to normal conditions.

RICHMOND ELKS TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

Will Pay Tribute to Those Who Have Died During Past Year.

CALISCH TO MAKE ADDRESS

Elaborate Musical Program Is Announced, Including Several Solo Parts—Services Will Be Held in Academy of Music.

Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold its annual memorial services to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Academy of Music, 600 seats being reserved for members of the lodge. Those who have died during the past year have been C. J. Ryan, Harry Huber, Charles E. Wortham, Jr., W. A. Kleve, W. S. Rucker and W. G. Gwatkin. The address will be delivered by Dr. R. N. Calisch, of Beth Abrahah Synagogue, and to exercises.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

The following is the order of exercises: Overture, "Romantic".....Kelabela Academy Orchestra. Prayer, Rev. George D. McDaniel, D. D. Quartet, "Crossing the Bar".....Nevin Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe, Joseph Whittemore, Howard Bryant. Opening Ceremonies—Richmond Lodge, No. 45, B. P. O. E. Exalted Ruler William Perlestein and Officers. During which the "Roll of Our Honored Dead" shall be read. Memorial Elks' Opening Ode. Solo—"Consider and Hear Me." Robert Sedgewick McGregor. Violin solo—"Thais".....Massanett Glenroy Stein. Solo—"The Good Shepherd." Vandewater. Miss Corinne Samuels. Address, Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, Ph. D. Duet—"La Forza Del Destino".....Verdi Joseph Whittemore, Howard Bryant. Quartet—"Will With Thee".....Foote Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe, Joseph Whittemore, Howard Bryant. Closing exercises—Richmond Lodge, No. 45. Benediction. Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D. March—"La Prophete".....Meyerbeer Academy Orchestra.

OFFICERS OF LODGE AND COMMITTEES IN CHARGE

Officers of the lodge are: exalted ruler, William Perlestein; esteemed leading knight, William Grinnell; esteemed local knight, Dr. B. A. Hord; esteemed lecturer knight, Thomas E. Garrett; secretary, Walter R. Harwood; treasurer, John T. Anderson, Jr.; tiller, L. J. Schumann; equisitor, Dr. E. C. McSparran; inner guard, L. C. Rowlett; chaplain, John G. Sizer; organist, Joseph Bopp. Trustees: Joseph Stumpf, Max F. Lindner, Thomas P. McNeely. Memorial committee: M. F. Richter, Eugene Brauer, John B. Bliley, Robert Walt, Max F. Lindner and the clerical officers of the lodge. Reception committee: M. M. Stoddard, H. C. Foster, John J. Rafter, John G. Sizer, R. C. Evensen, Jr., Joseph Kass, Frank T. Anthony, R. J. Bass, Graham R. Currie, W. M. Parleish, Jr., H. H. Hester, P. A. Flynn, Charles P. Egan, Leslie M. Morecock, W. D. Butler, G. L. Snyder, James I. Gary, E. M. Epes, R. R. Anderson, G. E. Redford, S. S. Burch, J. M. Holt, Henry J. Cohn, I. H. Hill.

Little Idea of Their Duties

CHICAGO, December 4.—The need of including civil service commissioners themselves in classified service was emphasized at to-day's session of the National Civil Service Reform League here. Officers of the league, who are civil service commissioners have any idea of their duties, according to Robert Catherwood, president of the Cook County Civil Service Commission.

At the suggestion of a P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans last night the following officers were elected: first lieutenant-commander, Robert Gilliam; second lieutenant-commander, George T. Darracott; adjutant, Homer Atkinson, quartermaster, James H. Hester, and clerk, William E. Harwood; officer of the day, J. W. Brunet; treasurer, W. T. Parham; sergeant-major, J. C. Hester; J. A. Simmons, color sergeant, J. A. Puller; first color guard, W. H. Kevan; second color guard, J. H. Reinach. The camp decided to observe the usual manner.

PETERSBURG FOR SIMPLIFIED FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Question of Change Soon Will Be Brought Before People of Petersburg.

PLAN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Chamber of Commerce Supports Recommendations Made by Committee—A. P. Hill Camp, U. C. V., Elects New Officers.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 4.—The question of change in the form of municipal government from the present bicameral system to that of a simplified form of city government is to be brought before the people of Petersburg. Several months ago a Chamber of Commerce appointed a special committee consisting of R. E. Edling, Wilcox, Jr., chairman; Henry C. Syme, secretary; O. W. Mattox, Carl H. Davis, Robert Gilliam, Jr., and La Roy Hodges, known as the "Committee on Simplified form of City Government," to study the question of municipal government, and to recommend which of the three optional plans, permitted under the new Virginia law, is best adapted to the peculiar needs of Petersburg. This committee gave careful and close study to the work with which it was charged, and after thoroughly considering the merits and defects of the several optional plans and as closely investigated and determined the defects of the existing form of city government in Petersburg, made up their report, with recommendations, and submitted it to the board of city commissioners. The Chamber of Commerce, the Board of City Commissioners, and the Board of Aldermen, all have approved the report and recommendations.

The committee's conclusion is: First, that the plan described in the Virginia law of March 13, 1914, in the city manager plan is the form of simplified city government that will be most responsive to the desires of all the people of Petersburg, and the existing form of city government is the best to return the greatest benefits to the city.

Second, that the organization of the city manager government for Petersburg, briefly stated, embraces, as authorized by law, a legislative and executive commission, or council, who shall be elected from the city at large for terms of four years each. They shall receive nominal salaries and, with the exception of those city officials whose election by popular vote is required by the constitution of Virginia, the members of this council shall be the only elective officers of the city. The executive and administrative powers of the city, including the appointment of officials and employees, subject to a veto by the council, shall be vested in a single official to be known as the "city manager," who shall be elected by the people from the city. If a suitable man can be found, or from the country at large, by the council which shall fix his salary and exercise supervisory control over his work and which shall have the power to remove him at pleasure.

Third, the committee requests the Chamber of Commerce to organize without delay a special committee for the purpose of conducting an educational campaign in Petersburg in the interest of such simplified form of city government, and that sufficient funds be provided for conducting the campaign.

The board of governors of the chamber is in earnest about this work, and the campaign of education, as recommended by the committee, will be inaugurated at once and pressed. The board last night made an appropriation to begin the campaign. It is believed that the people, when fully informed on the subject, will vote for a change in the form of government.

A. P. Hill Camp Officers

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Thief Caught

Lem Johnson, alias John Brown, negro, is under arrest here on the charge of committing larceny in Blacksburg. He has been quietly working on a farm in Dinwiddie for some time. He has also been identified as a burglar in Lunenburg County to which he confessed. He sold the horse and buggy to Robert Wright, a colored farmer, for \$100, receiving \$15 cash and a note for \$85 payable January 1. On his information the horse and buggy were recovered.

Tartie Case Nearing End

Judge J. F. West, of Waverly, presided in the Hastings Court to-day in further consideration of the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church case. The appeal of the Tartie faction from Judge West's decree of January 31, 1914, which directed that faction to deliver the possession of the church property to the anti-Tartie officers, was dismissed by the Supreme Court on Tuesday. J. F. Minor, of Richmond, of counsel for the anti-Tartie faction, to-day moved the court for a rule against the Tartie officers to show cause why they should not be fined and imprisoned for contempt of court for failing to deliver the property to the anti-Tartie officers as required by the decree of January 31.

R. B. Davis, of counsel for Tartie, objected to this motion on the ground that the anti-Tartie officers had recently been enjoined by decree of the Circuit Court of Petersburg to deliver the church property to the Tartie officers, and that the Tartie officers, in the possession of the church property, and Judge West stated that in his opinion an injunction did not lie in the Circuit Court to restrain the enforcement of a judgment of the Circuit Court of Petersburg. He directed that the Tartie officers be fined \$100 each for contempt of the Circuit Court, he would decline to entertain the motion of Mr. Minor. The judge added, however, that he would proceed to the enforcement of his January 31 decree of the Circuit Court. In announcing his final conclusion, Judge West briefly reviewed the proceedings in the case developed before him. He had finally reached the conclusion that the proper administration of justice demanded that the interests of the Harrison Street Church and of the city of Petersburg be maintained. He added that therefore an order would be entered directing a rule to issue against the Rev. Eli Tartie and the anti-Tartie officers to show cause why they should not be dealt with for contempt of court for their failure and refusal to deliver possession of the church and parsonage in accordance with his decree of January 31. And also that an order would be entered directing the city clerk to proceed forthwith to oust the said Tartie and his officers and deliver the church property to the anti-Tartie officers.

Death of Mrs. Susie Wells

Susie R. Wells, widow of Dr. Samuel Wells, died this morning at the hospital after an illness of several weeks. A change for the worse in her condition suddenly yesterday afternoon resulted in her death. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. P. M. Kilmartin, of Waverly, with whom she had lived for several years.

BURKE INDICTED AGAIN

Former Canal Zone Employee Charged With Accepting Bribes.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Additional indictments against John Burke, an employee of the Isthmian Canal Commission, as manager of the commissary department, were returned yesterday by the Federal grand jury which has been investigating alleged frauds in the Canal Zone. In them Burke is charged with accepting two bribes totalling nearly \$10,000.

The first indictment charges that Burke accepted a bribe of \$5,666 from Arthur Goldsmith, manager of the Hanover, Germany, firm, for passing goods and other supplies intended for use in the Canal Zone.

Burke appeared in the criminal branch of the United States District Court and entered pleas of guilty. He was required to furnish new bonds of \$14,000, which makes the total bail in his case \$38,000. In a dozen or more indictments Burke is charged with accepting bribes aggregating about \$21,000.

SOUTH RICHMOND ELKS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

David Lafayette Toney Only Member Who Has Died During Year.

SPEEDERS GET OFF WITH COSTS

Officers Chosen for Stockton Street Baptist Church—Christmas Seals May Be Placed on Letters—Personal and General Mention.

The annual memorial services in honor of the deceased members of the lodge will be held at Manchester Lodge, No. 845, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in Elks' Home, Elks' Home, 1100 North 11th Street. The annual meeting was made yesterday by the attorney Samuel P. Kelley, who was to make the principal address, will not be present, but a prominent speaker will be present, Mr. R. H. Bacon, of Woodland Heights, who arranged an elaborate musical program, which will consist of instrumental and vocal selections.

David Lafayette Toney, who died several months ago, is the only deceased member of the lodge. No other deaths occurred in the Southside organization last year.

Speeders Pay Costs

In view of the extraordinary circumstances in their cases, Magistrate W. Chentham dismissed upon the payment of costs the seven automobilists and one motorcycleist who were arraigned in Manchester Magistrate's Court yesterday morning on the charge of speeding. The limit, Officer H. Flynn, who made the arrests, testified that he timed the cars on the ten-mile stretch from Hull Street to Honkle Street, and found that they were making the round trip travel in less than the law allows. Magistrate Chentham said that it was a flagrant offense, as their speed was in excess of the law, and it was a level road with no obstructing buildings. The owners were O. C. Wietz, of South Hill, the Hicks Auto Co., A. B. Cook, E. C. Blackburn, H. W. Chase and B. L. Rose.

Election of Church Officers

All officers will be elected at the meeting of the congregation of Stockton Street Baptist Church on Wednesday night. The following officers of the church were named at the last meeting: W. Williamson, treasurer; Robert Kirkland, financial secretary; W. E. Chentham, secretary; Burt McCann, assistant chorister; Miss Annie Reams, assistant organist.

Many improvements are planned to be made at the church in the near future, and a building fund is being raised. The report of Rev. H. B. Jordan, who assumed charge of the pastorate several months ago, shows that the church has prospered under his direction.

Negroes Sent to Jail

Will Barton and Mary Goode, colored, were convicted of stealing two suits containing clothing valued at \$42.50 from James Phibbs by Justice H. A. Maurice yesterday morning in Police Court, Part II, and sentenced to six months in jail each.

Abolishes Law Against Stickers

Superintendent Lloyd received an order from the Post-Office Department at Washington yesterday suspending from December 1 to January 1 the law against placing stickers on letters. Persons are cautioned, however, against pasting them over the revenue stamps.

Announcement Was Also Made by Superintendent Lloyd that Revenue Stamps Station, but at the Office of the revenue collector.

Janet, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Meade, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, is much improved.

No improvement is noted in the condition of David P. Walke, of Porters Neck, who was badly hurt recently when the buggy in which he was riding was struck by a Southern Railway train.

Incomparable Values, Suits and Overcoats at \$15 and \$18

There is no better proof than the test of comparison, and we invite its application to these remarkable values and the offerings at corresponding prices at any or all stores in town. The better judge of clothes you are and the more scrupulous the examination, the more emphatic your conviction there really is no comparison. Made from decidedly better fabrics, better styled, better fitting, these excellent garments present the best and most convincing proof of our Unequaled Value-Giving Power.

If \$20, \$22.50 or \$25 Is the Price You Want to Pay

These richly fabricated, elegantly styled hand tailored garments claim the first and foremost consideration by sheer merit of unquestioned superiority. Nobby English suits, newest Tartan, Glen Urquhart, olive and heather colorings—silk mixtures, tweeds, cassimeres and chevots, neat, dressy effects, in standard three and four-button sack models for men with settled tastes. The overcoats—a truly wonderful display of them. Balmacaans of English Duffle Fleeces, Irish Donegal Tweeds, rich blue Chinillas. Form fitting coats in handsome Meltons and Kerseys. Dignified Chesterfields, in Oxford, Friezes, Vicunas—representative creations of Burk advanced methods of producing ready clothes on a plane with merchant tailoring, at a saving of half the tailor's charges.

The Acme of Perfection in Sartorial Art—Burk Hand-Tailored Suits and Overcoats, \$30, \$32.50, \$35

Quality Apparel Bargains for the Boys

Worsted Sweaters, 98c
Boys' Pure Wool Coat Sweaters in gray and blue, finished with two pockets and pearl buttons; special at..... **98c**

\$5 Balmacaans, \$3.95
Swagger Balmacaans in natty brown heather mixtures; you would be charged \$5.00 for these elsewhere; special at..... **\$3.95**

Small Boys' Suits, \$2.48
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